



Howard County Commission on Disability Issues (CDI)
Howard Building, Columbia/Ellicott Rooms 1st Floor
3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 26, 2017
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Present: Riffat Ashai
Nicole Czarnecki
Elliott Finkelstein
Chelsea Stanton
Marian Vessels
Karen Wood

Absent: Cynthia Coburn
Arthur Gold
Bridget McCarthy

Staff: Michelle Henry
Erica Lewis
Terry Zeigler

Excused: Diane Mikulis
Andrea Kolp
Heidi Burghardt
Martin Jones
Leslie Kornreich
Douglas Lea

Interpreters: Anessa Hughes
Sandy Brown

I. Meeting Called to Order and Introductions

II. Presentations

Kathleen McSweeney Director, Disability Support Services, Howard Community College (HCC)

- **Handouts/Discussion:**

- Disability Support Services Howard Community College
- Overview on HCC Nondiscrimination, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Statement
- Highlights:
 - Academic Support, Counseling and Career Services
 - Philosophy of Disability Support Services
 - Types of Disabilities at HCC
 - Number of Students
 - Examples of Accommodations/Process for Requesting Accommodations
 - How accommodations are communicated to Faculty
 - Con Ed Programs – CORE Specifically for adults with developmental disabilities.



- Concern expressed by Kathleen – the College does not automatically know which students entering into HCC are diagnosed with a disability or what the students' needs are if there is no self-identification.
- Visit the HCC website www.howardcc.edu for additional information on Disability Support Services.

Bob Marietta, Environmental Health & Safety

Howard Community College

Handouts: Accessibility Summer 2017

Bob reported on the following improvements as well as issues concerning accessibility at Howard Community College, followed by Q&A's.

- Accommodations that have been made in the new Science, Engineering and Technology building
- Plans for the N and ST buildings
- Accessible parking spaces and signs
- Bus stops
- Accessible routes from parking spaces to buildings
- Shuttle service
- Parking enforcement.

Questions & Answers:

- (Q) Michelle Henry – can HCC Security be deputized to enforce accessible parking?
(A) Bob Marietta – It would cost HCC more money as well as putting the security employees in a higher tax bracket.
- (Q) Erica Lewis – Are there consequences for outstanding fines or fines that are not paid?
(A) Probably not – students will still be allowed to graduate.
- (Q) Elliott – After a parking enforcement “sting” does the word get out to the students?
(A) No
- (Q) Marian – How will the college accommodate the van accessible parking using the new standard requirements?
(A) The college will take the standard parking spaces and make wider by removing extra lines.
- (Q) Michelle – Does the college provide shuttle service?
(A) No, they no longer provide this service.
- (Q) Marian Vessels – Is temporary accessible parking an option?
(A) Unfortunately, no, anything put up to mark “temporary spots” is not efficient because people will move.
- (Q) Erica - what makes a temporary accessible parking space?
(A) Three parking spaces with the middle space serving as an access isle.



Charles Smith, PH.D. Human Service Planner, Howard County Dept. of Community Resources and Services.

Handouts:

- Disability by type and numbers, Howard County
- Availability of housing, employment, transportation to/with respect to people with disabilities. Howard County.
- Charles reported to determine numbers and types of disabilities in the county there needs to be a consistent definition of what “disability” really means.
- Any kind of reporting or data analysis needs to be specific and definite aim of disability before reporting.
- Data is very limited to the needs of the Commission unless commission is specific what kind of data they are interested in.
- Charles agreed that he is open to sit down with the Commission and discuss issues and possible data needs that the commission is seeking.
- Elliott suggested a possible work session to revisit the strategic goals.

III. Approval of April 24, 2017 Minute

- Minutes tabled for approval until August meeting. No quorum.

IV. Adjourn – 8:30 p.m.